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Dear Howard,

I$ I forgotm the caution, no discussion with anyone about the threat I sent you. It is not a question of trust but of danger and either keed-to-know or ability to help. Thus, particularly because of repeated, inordinate mail delays, I've not sent it to Dick or told him of it. I've told only four other buffs, each for special reasons.

This was four hours ago. The broken air conditioner was returned working, we have it back in, and with a bit of advice, I've spent the afternoon installing (temporarily) the small air conditioner I was given during the winter. I now have an air-conditioned office, which will be great afternoons. It will take some time and skill to make the installation permanent, but that can be done over a period of time unless there is a big storm or the flying varmints finds its weaknesses.

I understand your objections to the Salant letter, and you are probably right. You certainly are not alone in such an opinion. However, were you to know the entire history, while you might not change your mind, you might be a bit less positive. I've never done anything to CBS except help them, but for some reason I never did understand, they began with a strong prejudice against me. Even on their videowhitewash, the idea of which they stole from me, for I made the offer in 1965 and it was rejected, as I can show you in writing-and by the man who produced it. They are quite specific to reporters. If I had the real alchemy, they'd not report it. It is not only that I feel this way, it is, in part, that whether or not others would take it like ass-kissing, were I to be other than this, they would. I've had several CBS vice-presidents befriend me, but the top policy is that I and my work do not exist hence cannot be referred to. This does not mean you are not right. By now you have my followup letter.

The Fasnacht stuff is ascinating. Glad to get it. So also with the story on what happens if you write givverish/propaganda to Agnew. How strange it is that Hoover hasn't rushed in with a conspiracy to deny civil rights investigation At Star City, with Mitchell highballing behind him. I hadn't heard of that atrocity. But it used to be the norm.

I've had to lay all writing aside again. Too many other things. If there is too much saturation to The Pentagon Papers, which I hope become an all-time best seller, the situation of TIGER may not be promising. I will have to do a much simplified version ofr as you know, too many events have caught up.

Books also came today. Lil opened. I saw Sorensen. Let me know how much I owe, and thanks. Little else new. N.O. situation, extent of and whether or not as represented JG involvement still not clear from what I've seen. I'll have the affidavits monday.

The usual rush

Have a good trip!